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Dr. Brian Taylor
Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST)
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Dear Dr. Taylor,

The U. S. Coast Guard strongly supports continued development of the Hawaii Ocean Observing System (HiOOS), and in time, implementation of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System network.

The data provided by HiOOS has the potential to make a huge positive impact on a number of Coast Guard missions, including Search and Rescue, Marine Environmental Response, and Protection of Living Marine Resources. We are already partnering with UH in the development and deployment of the high frequency radar equipment on Oahu and we are excited about using that information to assist in our planning and response efforts. Easy access to real time, comprehensive data on the marine environment is critical to our missions, and we look forward to future, productive partnerships with SOEST and the HiOOS and PaciOOS programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Swatland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Swatland
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief of Response
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